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In re Application of

PENFOLD ET AL

Serial No. 09/557,955

Filed: April 25, 2000

For: ASSAY REAGENTS AND  
DEVICES



Group Art Unit: 1645

Examiner: Fields

September 24, 2001

AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of  
Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 24, 2001, please amend the  
above application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

~~Please~~ enter the following amended claims:

9. (Twice Amended) An assay device of the type wherein a sample liquid reconstitutes a labelled reagent and carries it into a detection zone and a control zone, binding of said labelled reagent in these zones revealing the assay result, wherein said labelled reagent comprises a particulate direct label co-sensitized with
- (i) a specific binding agent having specificity for an analyte, and
  - (ii) a non-specific protein which can participate in a control reaction with another specific binding agent which does not bind to said